

REMARKS

The present patent application is a divisional of United States Patent Application No. 09/687,444. In that application, Claims 1-64 were presented for consideration, and were subjected to a restriction requirement. Specifically, Claims 21-54 were indicated by the Examiner to be drawn to a tool, and Claims 1-20 and 55-64 were indicated by the Examiner to be drawn to a method of making a tool. Applicant elected to pursue Claims 1-20 and 55-64 in the parent application with claims 21-54 becoming withdrawn.

By the present Amendment, the specification has been amended to reflect a claim of priority to the parent patent application. Additionally, Claims 1-20, 40, and 54-64 have been canceled, and Claims 21 and 41 have been amended. As a result, Claims 21-39, and 41-53 remain pending for consideration in the present patent application.

Applicant would like to note that the amendments to Claims 21 and 41 have been made in order to place them commensurate in scope with the allowed Claim 1 of the parent application. Such amendments have been made solely for the purposes of expediting allowance of the present claims, and Applicant believes that such amendment places the claims in condition for immediate allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that presently pending claims 21-39 and 41-53 present allowable subject matter and allowance is respectfully requested. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after consideration of the above remarks, and such impediment could be resolved during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone either Mr. David Osborne, or in his absence, the undersigned attorney at (801) 566-6633, so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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